

REMARKS

The Primary Examiner previously issued a restriction requirement directed to pending Claims 1-22. The Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to the following distinct species of the claimed invention: Claims 1-15 and 18-22 (Invention I) drawn to interface/receiver circuitry; and Claims 16-17 (Invention II) drawn to a comparator circuit. The Primary Examiner alleges that the Invention I and Invention II claims define patentably distinct inventions. Applicants previously canceled Claims 16 and 17 and elected prosecution of Invention I.

The Primary Examiner had further indicated that if Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, then under 35 U.S.C. 121, a further election of a single disclosed species within that group is required. Applicants disagreed and the above-referenced Office Action was issued indicating that Applicants argument in traverse of the species restriction requirement was non-responsive.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Subspecies I corresponding to the embodiment depicted in Figure 2 and variations thereof (singlential comparator circuits) and to withdraw Subspecies II corresponding to Figure 5 and variations thereof (differential comparator circuits) from prosecution until a determination of allowability of the generic claims is made. The Claims as elected by Applicants are grouped as follows:

Subspecies I (elected): Claims 1-8, 13 and 18-20.

Subspecies II (non-elected) 9-12, 14-15 and 21-22.

No fees should be incurred by this Amendment, but if there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from Deposit Account NO. 09-0447.

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